



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board (JBL/CS SMRB) will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below (unless otherwise listed):

Subcommittee	Date	Location
Surgery -----	November 15, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Pulmonary Medicine -----	November 15, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Infectious Diseases-B -----	November 16, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-A/D -----	November 16, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Hematology -----	November 17, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-C -----	November 17, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Cellular & Molecular Medicine	November 20, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-B -----	November 20, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Infectious Diseases-A -----	November 21, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Epidemiology -----	November 28, 2017	*VA Central Office
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-A -----	November 28, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Nephrology -----	November 28, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Oncology-E -----	November 28, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Immunology & Dermatology-A	November 29, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences-B -----	November 29, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Cardiovascular Studies-A -----	November 30, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Endocrinology-A -----	November 30, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-C -----	November 30, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-A -----	December 1, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-E -----	December 1, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Endocrinology-B -----	December 4, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-B -----	December 5, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Special Panel for Sheep Review -----	December 5, 2017	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-F -----	December 6, 2017	*VA Central Office

Cardiovascular Studies-B -----	December 7, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Gastroenterology -----	December 7, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Neurobiology-D -----	December 8, 2017	20 F Conference Center
Gulf War Research -----	December 8, 2017	*VA Central Office
Special Emphasis Panel on Million Veteran Prog Proj ---	January 11-12, 2018	20 F Conference Center
Eligibility -----	January 19, 2018	20 F Conference Center
JBL/CS SMRB -----	January 25, 2018	*VA Central Office

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

20 F Conference Center, 20 F Street, NW, Washington, DC

VA Central Office, 1100 First Street, NE, Suite 600, Washington, DC

*Teleconference

The purpose of the subcommittees is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review evaluation. Proposals submitted for review include various medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

These subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals, which involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the subcommittee meetings is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Those who would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the closed subcommittee meetings and rosters of the subcommittee members should contact Holly Krull, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 632-8522 or email at holly.krull@va.gov.

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